

Serial No. 10/091,773

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 8, in accordance with the following listing showing the status of all claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for communicating between a source and a destination over plural communications paths, said method comprising:
  - (a) identifying content to be sent to a destination via a communications system;
  - (b) discovering that plural communications paths connecting directly to the destination are available;
  - (c) dividing the content into plural different portions; and
  - (d) transmitting the content to the destination such that each of the plural different portions is routed via a different one of the plural communications paths,wherein different transmission media are used for different ones of the plural communications paths, and  
wherein the different transmission media ~~comprises~~ comprise different types of Internet connections.
2. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein step (b) comprises receiving a message via an electronic communications system that the plural paths are available.
3. (Original) A method according to claim 2, wherein the message also indicates a capacity for at least one of the plural paths.
4. (Original) A method according to claim 3, wherein the content is divided in step (c) based on the capacity indicated in the message.
5. (Original) A method according to claim 3, wherein the message also includes pricing information for at least one of the plural paths.

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

Serial No. 10/091,773

6. (Original) A method according to claim 3, further comprising a step of receiving a second message via the electronic communications system updating the capacity indicated in the message.

7. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the communications system comprises an Internet.

8. (Currently Amended) A method for communicating between a source and a destination over plural communications paths, said method comprising:

- (a) identifying content to be sent to a destination via a communications system;
- (b) discovering that plural communications paths connecting directly to the destination are available;
- (c) dividing the content into plural different portions; and
- (d) transmitting the content to the destination such that each of the plural different portions is routed via a different one of the plural communications paths,

wherein the communications system comprises at least one network, wherein at least some of the plural communications paths are associated with different destination addresses on the at least one network, and wherein step (d) comprises a ~~subset~~ substep of addressing at least some of the plural different portions to different destination addresses, and

wherein the different transmission media ~~comprises~~ comprise different types of Internet connections.

9. (Original) A method according to claim 1, further comprising at least one of: (i) receiving a message indicating a format for dividing the content, (ii) transmitting a message to the destination indicating a format for dividing the content, and (iii) retrieving a format for dividing the content that has been pre-arranged with the destination.

10-27 (Canceled)

Serial No. 10/091,773

28. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 2, wherein the message is received from the destination.

29. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 8, wherein the different destination addresses have been provided by the destination.

BEST AVAILABLE COPY